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- 1. STEVER DELEGATION DEPARTED WARSAW MORNING OF DECEMBER 7 AFTER TIGHT, TWO-DAY SCHEDULE, WHICH INCLUDED SENIOR-LEVEL REVIEW OF S&T COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.
- 2. VISIT ACCOMPLISHED MAJOR PURPOSE OF CONVINCING POLISH SIDE THAT CONTINUED LONG-TERM S&T COOPERATION DEPENDS UPON EARLY AGREEMENT TO A JOINT-FINANCING ARRANGEMENT, AND THAT U.S. HAS FIRM POSITION THAT U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS WILL NOT EXCEED APPROXIMATELY TEN PER CENT OF UNCOMMITTED EXCESS PL-480 FUNDS BEGINNING FY 1974. ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT WORKING GROUP WITH TARGET DATE OF FIRST MEETING INJANUARY, 1974 AGREED TO IN RECORD OF DISCUSSION SIGNED BY DR. STEVER AND MINISTER KACZMAREK AND DETAILED IN TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR WORKING GROUP AGREED TO AD REFERENDUM BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MINISTRIES OF SCIENCE AND FINANCE.
- 3. U.S. SIDE UNDERLINED THAT, IF AGREEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED BY START OF FY 1974, A TWO-YEAR PHASE-OUT OF S&T PROGRAMS COULD AUTOMATICALLY TAKE PLACE; THUS POLES WOULD RISK ABRUPT TERMINATION OF A VALUABLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AND CONCOMITANT DEBT-LIQUIDATION

BENEFITS. KACZMAREK VISIT TO THE U.S. SCHEDULED FOR APRIL, 1974, NOT DIRECTLY TIED TO JOINT-FUNDING AGREEMENT, BUT POLISH SIDE APPARENTLY REALIZES THAT DILATORY TACTICS WOULD NOT NOW BENEFIT THEM. UNEXPECTED MEETING WITH THROUGHLY BRIEFED PRIME MINISTER JAROSZEWICZ INDICATIVE OF IMPORTANCE GOP ATTACHES TO CONTINUED COOPERATION AND FINANCING QUESTION.

- 4. SENIOR REVIEW DISCUSSIONS CORDIAL AND FRANK, WITH BOTH SIDES FOCUSING ON POSITIVE ASPECT OF PROGRAM TO DATE. POLISH SIDE EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN INTENSIFIED COOPERATION IN COAL RESEARCH, PARTICULARLY GASIFICATION AND LIQUEFACTION. LETTER OF INVITATION FROM SECRETARY MORTON TO VICE MINISTER OF MINING AND POWER ZYGFRYD NOWAK TO VISIT U.S. NEXT MONTH TO EXPLORE COOPERATION IN THESE FIELDS PARTICULARLY TIMELY AND USEFUL.
- 5. MEMORANDA OF DR. STEVER'S DISCUSSIONS IN WARSAW WILL BE SENT VIA AIRGRAM. DAVIES

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